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**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2019 10:10 PM  
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**Cc:** Mahesh [Redacted] Power, Andres (MYR) <andres.power@sfgov.org>; Delepine, Boris (PRT) </o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=9cd5004f25274b34b3a2e18cb35b6000-boris.delepine@sfgov.org>; Cohen, Emily (DPH) <emily.cohen@sfgov.org>; Ritika puri [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Follow up: Navigation Center at Seawall Lot 330

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Dear Elaine,

Hope all is well. I (and certainly most of us) were amazed to see the incredible turnout last Tuesday at both the Port hearing and Delancey Community meeting. It is events like these, where we feel proud to be part of South Beach Community and residents of San Francisco. Hope the City and Port understands now that our community has real safety concerns about the proposed Navigation Center (NC). Community wants to solve the problem of homelessness but there is no doubt SWL 330 is not the right location.

Both Mahesh and I toured the Dogpatch NC (pictures attached). The NC is surrounded by industrial uses (electric substation, cranes, gas station, construction equipment storage, etc.) and is not close to any residential units. The street dead-ends at the Bay; unless one is visiting the NC, don't think anyone would even go on that street. I don't see a fair comparison between the proposed NC at SWL 330 and the Dogpatch NC. Also, there is a NC just on Fifth Street and Bryant (1 mile from SWL 330) which makes use of SWL 330 questionable.

As a member of CWAG, I've been getting lots of questions by the community why this wasn't part of the CWAG agenda before. I understand the timing aspect of this proposal but the community is very upset and feels let down by the actions of the Port and the City.

Again, as residents of Watermark and South Beach Community, Mahesh and I look forward to working with the Port in finding a solution that would be best for the community and the city.

Looking forward to the upcoming meetings.

Regards,

Ritika and Mahesh

On Fri, Mar 15, 2019 at 5:41 PM Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <elaine.forbes@sfgov.org> wrote:

Dear Ritika and Mahesh,

Thank you for reaching out with your thoughts about the proposed SAFE Navigation Center at Seawall Lot 330. We appreciate hearing from the public and look forward to continuing to hear feedback and gather input. As you know, San Francisco is facing a crisis of unsheltered homelessness in our community. The waterfront neighborhoods are no exception. The Port continuously struggles to respond to homelessness on their property and throughout the surrounding neighborhoods. Next week the City will be joining the Fisherman's Wharf Waterfront Advisory Group meeting on March 19, and a special Joint meeting of the Central Waterfront and Northeast Waterfront Advisory Groups on March 20, to present the proposal, and gather additional feedback and input. Details of the meeting are listed below:

**FWWAG Meeting Information**

Tuesday, March 19  
9am-10:30am  
Scoma's Restaurant  
1965 Al Scoma Way

**Joint CWAG and NEWAG Meeting Information**

Wednesday, March 20  
5:30-7:30pm  
Pier 1, The Embarcadero

The City will also join the South Beach/Rincon Hill/Mission Bay Neighborhood Association Meeting on April 8th.

The City will also host a follow-up community meeting on April 3 to provide an update and gather additional feedback and community input on the proposed SAFE Embarcadero Navigation Center at Sea Wall Lot 330.

**Community Meeting Information**

Wednesday April 3, 2019  
6:00 - 7:30pm  
Delancey Street Foundation  
600 The Embarcadero  
San Francisco, CA 94107

Lastly, the City is open to attending other community and stakeholder meetings.

Comments or questions about the proposal can also be directed to the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing at [DHS@sf.gov](mailto:DHS@sf.gov)

Thank you again,

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**From:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)

**Sent:** Sunday, March 3, 2019 5:54:09 PM

**To:** Ritika puri

**Cc:** Mahesh; Power, Andres (MYR); Delepine, Boris (PRT); Cohen, Emily (DPH)

**Subject:** Re: Follow up: Navigation Center at Seawall Lot 330

Good afternoon, Ritika

Thank you to you and to Mahesh for talking with your neighborhoods and sharing the feedback.

I am looping in my colleagues from the Mayor's Office, Andres Power and Emily Cohen, as well as Boris Delepine from the Port who is assisting me. Staff from the Mayor's Office and

Department of Homelessness can respond to these and other questions at the upcoming community meeting on the 12th. We will have a Port Commission hearing on this item at 3:15 and a community meeting that evening at Delancy Street.

The only item I do want to respond to now is the Central Waterfront Navigation Center. We have a request from the Dogpatch Neighborhood Association (DNA) requesting an extension of term for this Navigation Center because they support the Center and believe the City has kept up its end of the bargain. I have not heard these complaints before, in fact, I have heard to opposite. Please do refer the people you spoke with to me so I can work with the City to address any issues.

Thank you again for sharing feedback. We look forward to working together.

Regards,  
Elaine

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**From:** Ritika puri [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 3, 2019 12:53 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Elaine (PRT)  
**Cc:** Mahesh; Ritika puri  
**Subject:** Follow up: Navigation Center at Seawall Lot 330

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Dear Elaine,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with us regarding the possibility of a Navigation Center at Seawall Lot 330. We really appreciate both Port's and Mayor's office efforts on finding a resolution to the problem of homeless in the city and South Beach area.

After our call, both Mahesh and I have discussed and spoken to several residents (both at Watermark and others in the neighborhood) as well as surrounding businesses.

The feedback hasn't been very positive. Both the resident and businesses are not very happy and have strongly objected the idea for the following reasons:

1. A navigation center in front of a residential building and on Embarcadero-a prime location is not the ideal place. The proposed location is surrounded by residential uses (Watermark, Bayside Village, Portside, Brannan etc). These units are populated by families with children and having a navigation center will create a lot of safety concerns for them. The area is always busy with people jogging, walking, biking, tourists, restaurants and not to forget there's a small kids park (the only one in this neighborhood)
2. Watermark has a pool on the fourth floor and this is a big privacy concern for residents to have a navigation center anywhere on the Seawall Lot 330.
3. There is a strong agreement among South Beach residents that this area has borne more than their fair share of impacts and it simply isn't fair to impose another externality of city living on this area of the city. The South Beach area and District 6 have been asked to disproportionately bear the brunt of city problems, including:
  - i) impacted by continued redevelopment,
  - ii) traffic and crowds from the Giant's Ball Park, and
  - iii) anticipated traffic from the Warrior's Entertainment Arena as traffic from those facilities need to transit through South Beach to reach the Bay Bridge (I-80).
4. We also spoke to few residents near the navigation center at Dog Patch and they were not happy as a lot of the people from the center hang outside. Residents of that area believe the city has not held up their end of the bargain by removing homelessness in the area while maintaining a homeless shelter. There are close to as many homeless on the street as there were before the Navigation Center went in. Reports of violence both in the Navigation Center and around the Navigation Center are increasing.

Overall, homeless shelters in a busy residential and commercial location is a just a very bad planning from City's part. Overtime, this would lead to a noticeable deterioration in the quality of life for the residents and the Embarcadero community. As with the other shelters, we anticipate seeing lots of homeless during the day walking along the waterfront, exposing South Beach residents and tourists to an unpleasant experience. We strongly feel it would make more sense to place this shelter on another location, not immediately adjacent to residential housing.

Please let us know more details on the meeting planned for March 12th. Community has expressed strong interest in attending this meeting. Again, thank you for keeping us informed. We look forward to working with the Port and Mayor's office in finding a solution that would be best for the community and the city.

Regards,  
Ritika Puri and Mahesh Khatwani  
The Watermark



